

CHARLESTON WESLEY FOUNDATION

Charleston Wesley Foundation continues to grow in grace and gifts. We publish our first newsletter this summer with a great response. We were invited to participate in Trident Technical College's student activities fair which we attended.

Our prayers remain with all of the troops in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan but especially our alumni, Jonathon Lance, Anthony Reynolds, Christopher Waldrop, Jeff Throckmorton and Bill Houpt. Come safely home to us!

We are so proud of our two alumni in the ministry, Aaron Meadows and Mallory Forte. Aaron is a provisional elder in this fine conference and a proud new parent of a beautiful baby girl. Congratulations, Christy and Aaron! Mallory Forte is in her third and final year as a Candler student. Thank you for the wonderful job you did as the retreat leader of the 2009 SCUMSM Spring retreat in February. "Mama Lisa" was very proud! SCUMSM leadership team - you were both innovative and efficient.

Our four groups continue to grow in wisdom and numbers. Bethel UMC - Charleston continues to be the home of our College of Charleston programming. Thank you for loving the college student as much as we do. Thank you, John Wesley UMC for your monthly financial support. We do so appreciate it and you. The CSU group is growing in numbers and diversity. God is so faithful. Wesley UMC - Ladson, you are such a warm and welcoming church to many of those students. God bless you. The group at Medical University of South Carolina continues to attract students, staff and faculty of various faith traditions. Our discussions can be quite lively and inspiring. Rev. Joe Cate of Point Hope UMC and Mary Ann Gilkeson of Bethel UMC, your time, gifts and love to this ministry - TGIF (Thank God It's Friday) - will always be its driving force. The Citadel group is losing some of its strong leadership through graduation this spring. Chase, Jade, Bryant, Craig, Karen - C of C, and Adrian - C of C, you will be missed. Please know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers. We hope you will visit often. Special thanks to the Station 15 of John Wesley UMC who gave of their talents and time to give an awe-inspiring concert at the Wesley interdenominational gathering at the Citadel. You rocked the house and our souls! Thanks to the youth adult group of Grace UMC who provided the pizza for a crowd of approximately 90 students.

Charleston Wesley Foundation in Mission had another successful year. We sponsored two adolescents in the Halos angel tree event. Our annual Mission Weekend with Winthrop Wesley Foundation at the United Methodist Relief Center was a time of Christian action, reflection and fellowship for all.

To the beloved churches of the Charleston District thank you for your unwavering support in gifts of food, time and finances. Trinity UMC- Charleston, you continue to be the backbone of this ministry in your selfless giving of physical space and office support. Our grateful hearts seem so inadequate but please know that we are deeply appreciative of your continuing Christian action. The ministry of Charleston Wesley Foundation would not be flourishing and innovative without the guidance, prayers and support of the dedicated Charleston Wesley Foundation Board of Directors. We are so grateful to all of the prayerful, generous churches of the Charleston District and of the South Carolina conference for your unceasing prayers and unwavering support. May God bless each of you.

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